

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	
Rainer BISCHOFF et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1632
Application No.: 10/021,421)	Examiner: R. Schnizer
Filed: December 19, 2001)	Confirmation No.: 3280
For: LIPID COMPOUNDS AND COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING)	
THEM WHICH CAN BE USED FOR THE TRANSFER OF AT LEAST ONE ACTIVE)	
SUBSTANCE, IN PARTICULAR, INTO A TARGET CELL AND USE IN GENE THERAPY)	

SECOND STATUS INQUIRY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to our Status Inquiry filed on June 19, 2003, please advise, in writing, as to the current status of a first Official Action on the merits in connection with the above-captioned application. The last correspondence received from the PTO was the Notice of Publication of Application mailed on October 17, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

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